



**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION
ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE SECTION
EXPERIENCED ATTORNEY / GS-12 to GS-15**

The Environment and Natural Resources Division of the U.S. Department of Justice is seeking experienced litigators for its Environmental Defense Section in Washington, D.C.

The Environmental Defense Section represents the United States in complex civil litigation arising under a broad range of environmental statutes. EDS is the only section in the Environment Division that routinely handles cases in both federal circuit and district courts. EDS defends rules issued by EPA and other agencies under the pollution control laws, prosecutes those who destroy wetlands in violation of the Clean Water Act, and defends the United States against challenges to its cleanup and compliance actions at Superfund sites, federally-owned facilities and private sites.

Examples of the section's work include: defending EPA's revised Clean Water Act effluent limitations for concentrated animal feeding operations, its more stringent clean air standards for heavy-duty trucks and diesel fuel, and its limits on arsenic and other contaminants in drinking water supplies; defending challenges to the United States' destruction of aging chemical weapons stockpiles pursuant to international treaties; and prosecuting civil enforcement actions under the Clean Water Act that have protected thousands of wetland acres and recovered millions of dollars in penalties.

Applicants must possess a J.D. degree, be an active member of the bar (any jurisdiction), and have at least three years of post-J.D. litigation experience. Applicants must demonstrate superior research, analytical and writing abilities. A judicial clerkship or comparable legal experience is desirable. Travel is required. Current salary and years of experience will determine the appropriate salary level. The possible salary range is GS-12 (\$62,886 - \$81,747) to GS-15 (\$103,947 - \$135,136) per annum.

Applicants must submit a resume or current OF-612 (Optional Application for Federal Employment), a cover letter highlighting relevant experience, and a writing sample to:

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Environment and Natural Resources Division
Environmental Defense Section
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(ENRD-05-029-EXC)

No telephone calls, please. **The position is open until filled; however, applicants are encouraged to respond on or before February 16, 2005. APPLICANTS WHO APPLIED TO THE DECEMBER 2004 ENRD ATTORNEY VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR THIS POSITION AND NEED NOT REAPPLY TO THIS VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT.**

For more information about the Environment & Natural Resources Division, visit the Justice Department's web site at: <http://www.usdoj.gov/enrd>.

This and selected other legal position announcements can be found on the Internet at: <http://www.usdoj.gov/oarm/attvacancies.html>.

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It is the policy of the Department to achieve a drug-free workplace and persons selected for employment will be required to pass a drug test which screens for illegal drug use prior to final appointment. Employment is also contingent upon the completion and satisfactory adjudication of a background investigation. Only U.S. citizens are eligible for employment with the Executive Office for Immigration Review and the United States Attorneys' Offices. Unless otherwise indicated in a particular job advertisement, non-U.S. citizens may apply for employment with other organizations, but should be advised that appointments of non-U.S. citizens are extremely rare; such appointments would be possible only if necessary to accomplish the Department's mission and would be subject to strict security requirements. Applicants who hold dual citizenship in the U.S. and another country will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

There is no formal rating system for applying veterans' preference to attorney appointments in the excepted service; however, the Department of Justice considers veterans' preference eligibility as a positive factor in attorney hiring. Applicants eligible for veterans' preference are encouraged to include that information in their cover letter or resume and attach supporting documentation (e.g., the DD 214 or other substantiating documents) to their submissions.